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## **NEW WARDEN NAMED FOR BALTIMORE CENTRAL BOOKING AND INTAKE CENTER**

***Warden Mitchell J. Franks of Md. Correctional Pre-Release System  
Appointed by Commissioner William J. Smith***

TOWSON, MD (July 6, 2005)—Commissioner William J. Smith of the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services has appointed veteran warden and correctional administrator Mitchell J. Franks as the new Warden of Baltimore's Central Booking and Intake Center (BCBIC). Warden Franks assumes his duties at BCBIC today.

"Mitch Franks has worked for the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for more than 22 years," said Commissioner Smith. "His significant experience in prison management, including custody, classification, plant maintenance, and personnel is exemplary. We're confident in his ability to lead this facility in a positive direction."

Warden Franks began his correctional career in June of 1983. Most recently, he served two years as Warden of the Maryland Correctional Pre-Release System in the Division of Correction. During his tenure there, Mr. Franks oversaw six facilities, and was credited with greatly improving the working conditions. Previously, Mr. Franks served as Assistant Warden at the Maryland Reception, Diagnostic, and Classification Center, the Maryland Correctional Institution-Jessup, and the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women.

He holds a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Baltimore, conferred in 1985, and received his Bachelor's degree from Towson State University in 1972, with a major in psychology.

Warden Franks takes over one of the nation's busiest booking centers, which last year handled more than 100,000 arrestees. Maryland is the only state correctional system in the country that includes a major-city booking center.

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